

newsline extra

A Missouri State Library news service

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Newsline Extra features time-sensitive information about State Library programs and current news of interest to the Missouri library community.

New workshops available from your desktop

Missouri library workers have a new opportunity for online training courtesy of the Missouri State Library. “[Managing Difficult Patrons with Confidence](#)” and “[Copyright Basics for Libraries](#)” are Web-based courses library staff can complete from their own desks and at their own pace and schedule.

The State Library partnered with the University of North Texas School of Library and Information Sciences to bring these two “Library Education @ Desktop” courses to Missouri. They are designed to offer high-quality, economical, Internet-delivered continuing education for library professionals and staff. Both courses can be completed in about two hours, and while the content is geared primarily toward public libraries, employees from all types of Missouri libraries are eligible to participate.

“[Managing Difficult Patrons with Confidence](#)” teaches participants a variety of communication techniques for managing problem patron situations. Participants will learn coping techniques to maintain composure in stressful situations, determine when patrons cannot be satisfied and how to proceed, and how to assist with reviewing, revising, and creating library policies that address problem patron situations. The workshop will be available beginning September 6, 2005 and must be completed by October 17, 2005. Registration for the course must be completed by August 22, 2005.

“[Copyright Basics for Libraries](#)” covers the rights of a copyright holder, the ways copyright affects library service, how to apply copyright fair use tests in specific situations, and how to locate online and print resources on copyright. The workshop will be available starting on October 3, 2005, and must be completed by November 14, 2005. Registration for the course must be completed by September 16, 2005.

Both courses are available to Missouri library staff at no charge, and registration is now open on the [State Library Web site](#). Both courses simply require a computer, Internet access, and some common browser plug-ins.

For additional information, contact Brenda Sites, Missouri State Library continuing education consultant, at 800-325-0131, ext. 13, or brenda.sites@sos.mo.gov.

Bookmarks encourage reading activities

Getting children to read can sometimes be a difficult task, and the State Library has reprinted a series of bookmarks containing ideas for parents to use in that effort. The four bookmarks target different age groups and needs: helping children get ready to read, helping children learn to read, helping older children read, and helping reluctant readers.

Bookmarks are available to Missouri libraries at no charge. To receive copies of the bookmarks contact [Marge Kudrna](#) at 800-325-0131, ext 17.

MOYAC subscriber list update

As a result of changes to MOREnet e-mail addresses, approximately 35 individuals were deleted from the MOYAC subscriber list recently. MOYAC is the discussion list, sponsored by the Missouri State Library, for staff providing children's and young adult services in Missouri public and school libraries. MOYAC subscribers with "connect.more.net" addresses were deleted from the subscription list since MOREnet has discontinued use of this address.

If you were a MOYAC subscriber with a "connect.more.net" address, you must resubscribe to MOYAC to continue receiving news and information posted to the electronic discussion list. To subscribe, send a message to: listserv@listserv.sos.mo.gov. Leave the subject field BLANK, and turn off your signature file. Typing in the subject field or leaving your signature file on may result in your request being bounced back to you.

In the body of the message, type: **subscribe moyac**

Shortly after sending your message, you will receive a message telling you that your request is being forwarded to the list owner for approval. Within two working days, you will get your approval and welcome message from MOYAC listserv.

Visit the [MOYAC Web site](#) or contact [Nancee Dahms-Stinson](#) for more information about MOYAC.

MLNC summer schedule offers online workshops via Centra

Using Centra, the Missouri Library Network Corporation (MLNC) conducts interactive workshops that participants can view over the Internet. Space is still available in the summer online courses, including:

- [Cataloging 101: Monographs](#), July 19 – 20 & August 15 – 16. This two-day class introduces the concepts of descriptive cataloging and MARC tagging. Staff members new to cataloging or those looking for a refresher course will receive a great introduction to cataloging basics. Cataloging 101 is funded by the State Library and is offered at no charge to Missouri public libraries participating in Show-Me the World. Staff from other libraries can attend if space permits.
- [Using the OCLC Connexion Browser](#), July 27. Participants will learn about the Connexion browser interface for OCLC cataloging. Registration is \$50 per seat.
- [Introducing OCLC ILLiad Software](#), July 28. Participants will receive an overview of the ILLiad resource sharing management software. There is no charge for this session but registration is required. The session is conducted using Placeware, an interactive Web site for holding meetings on the Internet.
- [Introduction to WorldCat Resource Sharing](#), August 10 – 11. Participants will learn tips and tricks for using the new WorldCat Resource Sharing interface more efficiently. Registration is \$50 per seat.

Visit the [MLNC Workshop Web site](#) for a list of all the current MLNC workshops and to register for the sessions offered.

National grants available for literacy efforts

The Dollar General Charitable Contributions Program supports nonprofit organizations in the communities in the 27 states where company stores are located. Their [Community Grants Program](#) provides up to \$2,500 for organizations committed to advancing youth literacy initiatives. The remaining deadlines for 2005 are September 5 and December 5. The [Dollar General Back to School Grant Program](#) awards \$5,000 to assist schools in meeting some of the financial challenges they face in implementing new programs or purchasing new equipment, materials or software for their school library or literacy program. The 2005 deadline for this program is August 12.

The [Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy National Grant Program](#) develops and expands family literacy efforts nationwide. It funds projects designed to support the development of literacy skills for adult primary caregivers and their children. Eligible organizations must operate an instructional literacy program that has been in existence for at least two years and includes one or more of the following components: literacy for adults; parent education; literacy or pre-literacy instruction for children pre-K to grade 3; and intergenerational literacy activities. The application deadline is September 9, 2005.

NEA initiates new reading promotion program

The [National Endowment for the Arts \(NEA\)](#) has announced a new program to revitalize the role of literature in American popular culture and to bring literature into the lives of citizens. *The Big Read* aims to address critical reading issues discovered in [Reading at Risk: A Survey of Literary Reading in America](#). The program will focus on providing citizens with the opportunity to read and discuss a single book within their community.

Six communities across the country will be selected in the first year to participate in *The Big Read*. Communities will be required to select one of four classic books, produce community-wide programming, and use educational and promotional materials provided by NEA. Grants ranging from \$25,000 to \$35,000 will be offered to communities who are selected to participate.

Eligibility requirements and additional details can be downloaded from [Arts Midwest](#), which has partnered with NEA to administer the program. Applications are due August 31, 2005.

Advocacy Institute 'Webinar' now online

A Web-based version or "Webinar" of the ALA Advocacy Institute, which took place on June 24, 2005, at the ALA 2005 Annual Conference in Chicago, is now available on the [ALA Web site](#).

Targeting the beginning library advocate, the Advocacy Institute brought together approximately 150 librarians, library workers, friends, trustees, and other advocates. Attendees learned strategies for message development, building grassroots coalitions, and lobbying tips.

The Web-based version of the Advocacy Institute provides audio of the actual day, along with accompanying PowerPoint presentations. The program can be downloaded by segment, so that viewers can focus on subjects pertinent to them. The accompanying "Advocacy Action Plan Workbook" and evaluation can also be downloaded from the site. The site will be available until August 12.

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